

MR. PARKER, from the committee on judiciary, submitted the following report:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your committee on judiciary, to whom was referred house file No. 50, a bill for an act to amend section 1998, chapter 8, title XIII, of the Code, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that the substitute of the committee be adopted and passed.

J. M. PARKER, *Chairman*.

Ordered passed on file.

SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE FILE NO. 50.]

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTIONS 1998 AND 1999, CHAPTER 8, TITLE XIII. OF THE  
CODE, AND ENACT A SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That sections 1998  
2 and 1999, chapter 8, title XIII, of the Code, be repealed and the following enacted in lieu  
3 thereof:

4     Sec. 1998. The owner, or the husband or wife, may select the homestead and cause it to  
5 be marked out, platted, and recorded, as provided in the next section. A failure in this  
6 respect does not leave the homestead liable; but the defendant, his wife, agent or attorney,  
7 may notify the officer making levy upon lands embracing homestead, at time of levy or prior  
8 to day of sale, of what is regarded as the homestead, with a description thereof in writing, to  
9 be within the limits prescribed in this chapter; but no such selection being made prior to day  
10 of sale, the officer having execution shall designate the homestead.

11     Sec. 1999. The homestead may be described by subdivision of section, by lot or block, or  
12 subdivision thereof, or by metes and bounds. The description and plat shall be recorded by  
13 the recorder in a book to be called the homestead book, which shall be provided with the  
14 proper index.